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Amendments to the Claims

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (currently amended) A method for altering blood flow to the vagina of a female individual, comprising:

administering to the female by inhalation of an odorant composition comprising a suprathreshold but not irritant concentration of a mixture of odorants effective to alter blood flow to the vagina, said concentration of the odorants being greater than an average normal threshold concentration of the odorants at about 25-55 decismel units;

wherein the mixture of odorants is selected from the group consisting of a mixture of licorice-based and banana nut bread odorants, a mixture of licorice-based and cucumber odorants, a mixture of lavender and pumpkin pie odorants, and a mixture of baby powder and chocolate odorants; and

the odorant composition is administered from a delivery device selected from the group consisting of a blister pack, a scratch-and-sniff odor patch, a scented cloth, and a spray device.

2. (previously presented) The method of claim 1, wherein the concentration of the mixture of odorants is effective to increase blood flow to the vagina of the female individual by about 10-30%.

3. (canceled)

4. (previously presented) The method of claim 1, wherein the concentration of the mixture of odorants is effective to increase blood flow to the vagina of the female individual by about 4-15%.

5. (currently amended) A method for altering blood flow to the vagina of a female individual, comprising:

administering to the female by inhalation of an odorant composition comprising a concentration of a mixture of odorants being greater than an average normal threshold

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concentration of the odorants at about 25-55 decismel units and effective to alter blood flow to the vagina,

wherein the mixture of odorants is selected from the group consisting of a mixture of a licorice-based and cucumber odorant, a mixture of a lavender and pumpkin pie odorant, and a mixture of a baby powder and chocolate odorant; and

the odorant composition is administered from a delivery device selected from the group consisting of a blister pack, a scratch-and-sniff odor patch, a scented cloth, and a spray device.

6. (currently amended) A method for altering blood flow to the vagina of a female individual, comprising:

administering to the female by inhalation of ~~an~~ a liquid odorant composition comprising a concentration of a mixture of a licorice-based odorant and a cucumber odorant effective to decrease blood flow to the vagina of the female individual by about 10-20%, said concentration of the odorants being greater than an average normal threshold concentration of the odorants at about 25-55 decismel units.

7-8. (canceled)

9-10. (canceled)

11. (previously presented) The method of claim 1, further comprising: having the female individual inhale the odorant composition for about 1-3 minutes.

12-34. (canceled)

35. (previously presented) The method of Claim 43, comprising administering the composition whereby the concentration of the mixture of odorants is effective to increase the blood flow to the vagina by about 10-30 %.

36-38. (canceled)

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39. (canceled)

40. (currently amended) The method of Claim 43, wherein the odorant composition is administered ~~in a form from a spray dispenser~~ selected from the group consisting of ~~a cloth scented with the odorant composition, an aerosol spray dispenser, a pump-type spray dispenser, and a nasal spray dispenser, a liquid or solid form of the odorant composition contained in a vessel having a cap, a liquid or solid form of the odorant composition contained in a blister pack, and microcapsules of the odorant composition contained in a scratch and sniff odor patch.~~

41. (canceled)

42. (currently amended) The method of Claim 43, wherein the odorant composition is administered ~~in a liquid form contained in a dispenser from a capped vessel having a tip impregnated with the odorant composition.~~

43. (currently amended) A method for altering blood flow to the vagina of a female individual, comprising:

administering to the female by inhalation of ~~an liquid~~ odorant composition comprising an effective concentration of a mixture of a licorice-based odorant and a cucumber odorant to alter blood flow to the vagina said concentration of the odorants being greater than an average normal threshold concentration of the odorants at about 25-55 decismel units;

wherein the odorant composition is administered from a delivery device selected from the group consisting of a blister pack, a scented cloth, a spray dispenser, and a capped vessel.

44. (currently amended) A method for increasing blood flow to the vagina of a female individual, comprising:

administering to the female by inhalation of an odorant composition effective to increase blood flow to the vagina by about 10-30%, the odorant composition comprising a mixture of odorants in an effective ~~concentration up to a suprathreshold but not irritant concentration~~ being greater than an average normal threshold concentration of the odorants, said concentration being about 25-55 decismel units;

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39. (canceled)

40. (currently amended) The method of Claim 43, wherein the odorant composition is administered ~~in a form from a spray dispenser~~ selected from the group consisting of ~~a cloth scented with the odorant composition, an aerosol spray dispenser, a pump-type spray dispenser, and a nasal spray dispenser, a liquid or solid form of the odorant composition contained in a vessel having a cap, a liquid or solid form of the odorant composition contained in a blister pack, and microcapsules of the odorant composition contained in a scratch and sniff odor patch.~~

41. (canceled)

42. (currently amended) The method of Claim 43, wherein the odorant composition is administered ~~in a liquid form contained in a dispenser from a capped vessel having a tip impregnated with the odorant composition.~~

43. (currently amended) A method for altering blood flow to the vagina of a female individual, comprising:

administering to the female by inhalation of ~~an~~ liquid odorant composition comprising an effective concentration of a mixture of a licorice-based odorant and a cucumber odorant to alter blood flow to the vagina, said concentration of the odorants being greater than an average normal threshold concentration of the odorants at about 25-55 decismel units;

wherein the odorant composition is administered from a delivery device selected from the group consisting of a blister pack, a scented cloth, a spray dispenser, and a capped vessel.

44. (currently amended) A method for increasing blood flow to the vagina of a female individual, comprising:

administering to the female by inhalation of an odorant composition effective to increase blood flow to the vagina by about 10-30%, the odorant composition comprising a mixture of odorants in an effective ~~concentration up to a suprathreshold but not irritant concentration being greater than an average normal threshold concentration of the odorants, said concentration being about 25-55 decismel units;~~

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wherein the odorant mixture is selected from the group consisting of a mixture of licorice-based and banana nut bread odorants, a mixture of licorice-based and cucumber odorants, a mixture of lavender and pumpkin pie odorants, and a mixture of baby powder and chocolate odorants; and

the odorant composition is administered from a delivery device selected from the group consisting of a blister pack, a scratch-and-sniff odor patch, a scented cloth, and a spray device.

45-47. (canceled)

48. (previously presented) The method of Claim 43, further comprising the steps of:
prior to and after administering the odorant composition, measuring an amount of blood flow to the vagina of the female individual; and
comparing said amounts of blood flow to the vagina to determine an amount of the alteration in blood flow to the vagina.

49. (previously presented) The method of Claim 43, further comprising the steps of:
prior to administering the odorant composition, testing the female individual for olfactory threshold; and
adjusting the concentration of the mixture of odorants to a suprathreshold but not irritant concentration according to the olfactory ability of the female individual.

50. (currently amended) A method for altering blood flow to the vagina of a female individual, comprising:

administering to the female by inhalation of an odorant composition comprising an effective concentration up to a suprathreshold but not irritant concentration of a mixture of odorants being greater than an average normal threshold concentration of the odorants, said concentration being about 25-55 decismel units and effective to alter blood flow to the vagina; [;]

wherein the mixture of odorants is selected from the group consisting of a mixture of licorice-based and banana nut bread odorants, a mixture of licorice-based and cucumber odorants, a mixture of lavender and pumpkin pie odorants, and a mixture of baby powder and chocolate odorants; and

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the odorant composition is administered from a delivery device comprising a capped vessel having a tip impregnated with the odorant composition.

51. (currently amended) A method for altering blood flow to the vagina of a female individual, comprising:

administering to the female by inhalation of an odorant composition comprising a concentration of a mixture of a lavender odorant and a pumpkin pie odorant effective to alter blood flow to the vagina of the female individual;

wherein the odorant composition is administered from a delivery device selected from the group consisting of a blister pack, a scratch-and-sniff odor patch, a scented cloth, and a spray device.

52. (previously presented) A method for altering blood flow to the vagina of a female individual, comprising:

administering to the female by inhalation of an odorant composition comprising a concentration of a mixture of a baby powder odorant and a chocolate odorant effective to alter blood flow to the vagina of the female individual.

53. (currently amended) A method for altering blood flow to the vagina of a female individual, comprising:

administering to the female by inhalation of an liquid odorant composition comprising ~~one or more~~ a mixture of odorants in a ~~concentration up to~~ a suprathreshold but not irritant concentration effective to alter blood flow to the vagina of the female individual, said concentration of the odorants being greater than an average normal threshold concentration of the odorants and about 25-55 decismel units;

wherein the mixture of odorants is selected from the group consisting of a mixture of licorice-based and banana nut bread odorants, a mixture of licorice-based and cucumber odorants, a mixture of lavender and pumpkin pie odorants, and a mixture of baby powder and chocolate odorants; and

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the odorant composition is administered from a delivery device selected from the group consisting of an aerosol spray device, a pump-type spray device, a nasal spray device, a capped vessel, and a blister pack.

54. (currently amended) A method for altering blood flow to the vagina of a female individual, comprising:

administering to the female by inhalation of an odorant composition comprising a mixture of a licorice-based odorant and a banana nut bread odorant in a ~~concentration up to~~ a suprathreshold but not irritant concentration effective to alter blood flow to the vagina of the female individual;

wherein the odorant composition is administered from a delivery device selected from the group consisting of a blister pack, a scratch-and-sniff odor patch, a scented cloth, and a spray device.

55. (currently amended) A method for altering blood flow to the vagina of a female individual, comprising:

administering to the female by inhalation of an odorant composition comprising a mixture of a lavender odorant and a pumpkin pie in a ~~concentration up to~~ a suprathreshold but not irritant concentration effective to alter blood flow to the vagina of the female individual;

wherein the odorant composition is administered from a delivery device selected from the group consisting of a blister pack, a scratch-and-sniff odor patch, a scented cloth, and a spray device.

56. (currently amended) A method for altering blood flow to the vagina of a female individual, comprising:

administering to the female by inhalation of an odorant composition comprising a mixture of a ~~lavender~~ licorice-based odorant and a ~~pumpkin pie~~ cucumber odorant in a ~~concentration up to~~ a suprathreshold but not irritant concentration effective to alter blood flow to the vagina of the female individual, said concentration of the odorants being greater than an average normal threshold concentration of the odorants and about 25-55 decismel units;

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wherein the odorant composition is in the form of microcapsules and administered from a delivery device comprising a scratch-and-sniff odor patch.

57. (currently amended) A method for altering blood flow to the vagina of a female individual, comprising:

administering to the female by inhalation of an odorant composition comprising a mixture of a baby powder odorant and a chocolate odorant in ~~a concentration up to~~ a suprathreshold but not irritant concentration effective to alter blood flow to the vagina of the female individual.